

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the fuel-cell membrane is provided in a viscous solution.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1, A method for transferring a thin film from a source position to a target position, the method comprising:

positioning the thin film in the source position;
attaching the thin film to a first surface in a first position;
moving the first surface from the first position to a second position wherein the thin film is removed from the source position;
transferring the thin film from the first surface to a second surface, the second surface positioned in a first position;
moving the second surface from the first position to a second position; and
transferring the thin film from the second surface to the target position, and
wherein the thin film comprises a fuel-cell membrane.

Claims 15 – 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (previously presented): A method for feeding a fuel cell membrane to a fuel cell electrode, the method comprising:

positioning the fuel cell membrane onto a vacuum table;

attaching the fuel cell membrane to an arcuate surface in a first position;

rotating the arcuate surface from the first position to a second position wherein the fuel cell membrane is removed from the vacuum table;

transferring the fuel cell membrane from the arcuate surface to a transfer surface, the transfer surface positioned in a first position;

moving the transfer surface having the fuel cell membrane from the first position to a second position adjacent a fuel cell electrode; and

transferring the fuel cell membrane from the transfer surface to the fuel cell electrode.

Claims 35 – 60 (canceled)